

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Committee on Systems Improvement (CSI)

Date of Meeting: 9/15/2020

Start Time: 2:15 PM

End Time: 3:15 PM

Called to order by: Rachelle Neshkes

Discussion/Action Steps

We discussed the e-service policy promulgated in Washington State. Jolene shared the policy (physically) during the meeting and instructed us how to download the document. Pallavi is going to look at the policy and consider some ramifications. CSI will discuss it next month once the members are able to review the document. Jolene will distribute the policy with the agenda prior to next month's meeting so that we can have a fuller conversation about what it would mean, how we could prove that Respondent in the RO / Defendant in the criminal case received actual notice of the document, e.g. having it reviewed with them over the phone, sending in an acknowledgement of receipt, etc.

We are going to ask Deputy Cliver to attend our next meeting. We are going to ask him which unit of LASD supervises the civil service bureau and ask if he can bring someone from that unit to discuss the wet signature issue with us next month.

We discussed some boilerplate civil standby orders that can be included in DVROs. We decided that we actually need two sets of these - one for situations where the Petitioner in a DVRO fled and needs their belongings back and one for situations where the Respondent in a DVRO was kicked out and needs their belongings. We will put this back on the agenda next month to keep wordsmithing both options.

We discussed the need to track statistics for EPO survivors. Deputy Cliver does not know who Suzie Ferrell worked with to get the stats for us from 2012-2016. Gail will reach out to Suzi Ferrell to see if we can get this information for him.

We discussed recent experiences for DV survivors and what it has been like for them on court connect. Clients like it because it is convenient, don't have to wrestle with childcare, transportation, however it has been unwieldy if you need interpreter. This is an access issue for LEP individuals. Interpreters are there in person and over the phone it is hard to hear. Mediator told Minty's client that she needed to appear in person which is contrary to the Covid-19 Era policy of the court.

Marie Sadanaga and Ria will be reviewing the 2017 Deputy's Guide to EPOs and will be preparing a similar pamphlet for LAPD which they will be taking back to our committee for review and input next month. It is at the top of their priority list.

Allyson provided Pallavi with their data regarding granting of shorter-term EPOs from June - August which can be used in legislation to make 30-day EPOs a permanent provision of law, rather than just the emergency rule that it is currently. Marie will also look into how to collect data for LAPD and both will discuss this in their weekly meetings with Deputy Cliver to see if they can obtain data from him re: EPO length as well.